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An Old Favorite

ELEGY ON THE DEATH OF A MAD DOG

By Oliver Goldsmith



GOOD people all, of every sort,
Give ear unto my song;
And if you find it wondrous short,
It cannot hold you long.

In Iellington there was a man,
Of whom the world might say,
That still a godly race he ran—
Where'er he went to pray.

A kind and gentle heart he had,
To comfort friends and foes;
The naked every day he clad—
When he put on his clothes.

And in that town a dog was found,
As many dogs there be,
Both mongrel, puppy, whelp, and hound,
And cur of low degree.

This dog and man at first were friends;
But when a pique began,
The dog, to gain some private ends,
Went mad, and bit the man.

Around from all the neighboring streets
The wondering neighbors ran,
And swore the dog had lost his wits,
To bite so good a man!

The wound it seemed both sore and sad
To every Christian eye;
And while they swore the dog was mad,
They swore the man would die.

But soon a wonder came to light,
That showed the rogues they lied—
The man recovered of the bite,
The dog it was that died!

COLD WAVE IS UNBROKEN

HAS ENTIRE COUNTRY IN ITS
GRASP AND IS EXCEEDINGLY
SEVERE IN MIDDLE WEST

RAILWAY TRAFFIC IMPAIRED

The Forecasters See No Immediate
Relief—Severe Suffering Reported
From Many Points.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—A "reinforcement" of the cold wave, which, according to the official forecast, "precludes any moderation in the temperature" in the immediate future, gave this city a temperature today which promised to beat the record for the winter, reached early yesterday, of 10 degrees below zero.

In addition to one death reported yesterday the following are said to have died directly or indirectly from the effects of the cold:

Fred Burgars, heart disease, aggravated by cold.

Charles Fredler, from exposure.

Through trains are hours behind the schedule while the suburban and traction lines are operated with more or less irregularity.

At 7 a. m. the temperatures were as follows:

New York, 6; Boston, 6; Philadelphia, 10; Washington, 8; Chicago, 6; Minneapolis, 18; Cincinnati, 16, all below zero; St. Louis 0.

Kansas City, Mo. Feb. 18.—It was 7 degrees below zero in Kansas City this morning, a rise of two degrees the past 24 hours, with indication of moderating weather.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 18.—Thirteen degrees below zero were recorded here this morning by the weather bureau, while still more severe weather is reported from the northern portion of the state.

St. Paul, Feb. 18.—The lowest official temperature in this city last night was 18 below zero. Intense cold weather is reported from all weather stations in the northwest. A biting wind intensifies the cold.

LaCrosse, Wis., Feb. 18.—The thermometer dropped to 20 degrees below zero since Sunday night and promises to fall still lower tonight. There is great scarcity of coal and tenants of office buildings are complaining seriously.

Boston, Feb. 18.—Zero weather followed yesterday's blizzard in New England and the temperature today ranges from 12 above zero at Nantucket to 10 below in Connecticut. In Boston the lowest official temperature was six above zero. The railroads and street car traffic are still considerably delayed by snow and extreme cold.

Calumet, Mich., Feb. 18.—Intense cold prevails throughout the lake district. The mercury is 25 degrees below zero here this morning and 30 below at Ontonagon.

New York, Feb. 18.—The snow storm yesterday gave way today to clearing skies and cold winds accompanied by falling temperature. At 3 a. m. the weather bureau thermometer stood at six degrees below zero, the lowest so far this winter. Dispatches from various parts of the state report temperatures ranging from zero to 18 below.

Havre, Mont., Feb. 18.—Last night's blizzard continues. The live stock situation is considered alarming.

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 18.—The severest storm of the winter prevails tonight. The temperature is down to zero. The wind is almost of hurricane velocity, and trains are delayed.

Littleton, New Hampshire, Feb. 18.—Exceptionally severe weather is reported from the White Mountain section. On Mount Washington 50 below was recorded, at Apporah 36, and this city 40.

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 18.—Trains in all directions are snowbound. Telegraph wires are down.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 18.—The coldest day of the winter in Kansas. Many stories of suffering are received, and there has been much loss of stock.

Toledo, O., Feb. 18.—As a result of the zero weather several schools were closed and traffic of all sorts hindered by the snow.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 18.—The Central Illinois railroads report traffic delayed more today than before during the present frigid spell. Only perishable freight is moving. The temperature tonight is 5 below.

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 18.—The worst blizzard of several years prevails here and in adjacent counties. The severest weather is along the West Virginia Central road.

Pierre, So. Dak., Feb. 18.—Reports from the rangers are that there will be heavy losses of stock owing to the severe weather.

Indianapolis, Feb. 18.—Reports from all parts of Indiana indicate a continuation of low temperature. The railroad traffic is seriously impeded.

New York, Feb. 18.—The weather tonight is bitterly cold and a stiff westerly gale adds to the general discomfort. Trains are again delayed the roads being badly drifted. At Jamestown ten below was recorded.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Roosevelt returned tonight from her brief visit to friends in Philadelphia.

AUTOMOBILES AUTHORIZED

Provision Made For Their Use In The Annual Postal Appropriation Bill.

REPORTED BY SENATOR MASON.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator Mason from the committee on postoffices and post roads today reported the postoffice appropriation bill. In addition to an amendment providing for the admission of Oklahoma, Arizona, and New Mexico as states, the bill makes changes relating to the conduct of the postoffice department. Other amendments are:

Increasing the aggregate amount of salaries of postmasters to the extent of \$753,000.

An appropriation for the purchase and rental of cancelling machines is increased from \$190,000 to \$210,000. The aggregate for free delivery service is \$19,028,800, an increase of \$1,598,350. Authority is given to employ automobiles as well as horses in the postal service and there is an appropriation of \$100,000 for this purpose. The number of division superintendents of rural free delivery services is increased from seven to ten, and the total appropriation for that service is \$12,826,500, instead of \$10,525,400 as in the house bill.

The salary of superintendent of railway mail service is increased from \$3,500 to \$4,500 and his chief assistant \$3,000 to \$3,500. The appropriation for this service is increased to \$11,933,301.

EXERCISE THEIR AUTHORITY

TURNING DOWN GERMANS

Local Authorities Tell Warship Officers to Get Orders from Castro.

Maracaibo, Venezuela, Feb. 18.—The commander of the German cruiser Panther early this morning sent a request to Fort San Carlos for an authorization to enter Lake Maracaibo. He was informed the matter would be referred to the Caracas authorities and that while awaiting a reply the Panther was to wait outside. The incident created fresh excitement here.

Must Have Orders from Castro. Port of Callao, Feb. 18.—Officers of the German cruiser Vineta yesterday came on shore and drove all over the town. They went to Fort Solana, which was shelled by them December 13, and asked permission to visit the interior. The commander of the fort informed them an order from President Castro was necessary. The Germans retired.

RECEIVER NAMED

For the E. J. Arnold Get Rich Quick Scheme.

St. Louis, Feb. 18.—On application of Sale & Sale, attorneys for a number of creditors of the E. J. Arnold Turf Investment company, the United States district court today appointed S. L. Swartz receiver for the estate of E. J. Arnold. He qualified in bonds for \$50,000.

As receiver under the court's order Mr. Swartz has authority to take possession of the property belonging to E. J. Arnold wherever found in the United States for the benefit of all creditors.

RUSH FOR CLAIMS

In Opening of Land in Minnesota Notwithstanding Cold.

Duluth, Minn., Feb. 18.—In spite of a fierce gale and 20 below zero weather, many claims were filed in towns 57-8 opened for settlement today. Four St. Paul women and two from Des Moines, Ia., Sophia Brown and Harriet M. Wesker, secured claims. Among the men who succeeded were Smith from Iowa and four from Bayfield, Wis.

POWELL TOLD TO INSIST

Government Tells Him to Push Claims Against Domingo.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Instructions have been sent by the state department to Minister Powell to insist on his demand on the government of San Domingo for a prompt settlement of the Clyde and Ross claims, notwithstanding the suggestion of a postponement until the return from the United States of a Dominican agent.

STUDIED SUICIDE.

Until He Lost His Mind and Killed Himself.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Feb. 18.—Orlo G. Pepper of this city, a freshman, dental student of the University of Michigan, shot and killed himself this afternoon.

Pepper had been reading up on suicide until he became a monomaniac on the subject.

Future Changes in Army.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Among the important army changes scheduled for the near future are:

Promotion of Major General Young as lieutenant general on the retirement of General Miles, in August; promotion of Brigadier General Sumner to major general on retirement of Major General Davis in July; promotion of Brig. General Leonard Wood, to be major general to fill the vacancy caused by promotion of Young.

Approves Court Martial.

Manila, Feb. 18.—General Davis has approved the finding the court martial in the case of Edward F. Glenn, 5th infantry, who was acquitted February 23, of a charge of unlawfully killing prisoners of war, with the qualification that he disapproves of the orders issued by Major Glenn.

Wireless Messages Across Pacific.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—Wireless messages to the Hawaiian Islands are to be sent from this coast, according to A. L. New, manager of the Pacific Wireless Telephone and Telegraph company. He claims to have sent messages 1150 miles with the present apparatus.

Ashland, Ohio, Fire.

Ashland, O., Feb. 18.—Opera house, public library and three stores were burned. Loss, \$60,000.

HOLD THAT LAW IS A GOOD ONE

THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT
SUSTAINS THE ANTI-TRUST
ACT OF 1891.

ACTION AGAINST BUTLER CO.

Which Claimed Immunity on the
Ground That To Testify Would
Incriminate Them.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 18.—The state supreme court today sustained the constitutionality of the state anti-trust law of 1891. It also sustains the amendment to that act adopted in 1893. The Butler Foundry company was prosecuted under the law for failing to file affidavit showing whether or not they are part of any trust or combination. The defense was there was no immunity from prosecution for violation of the federal laws or those of other states which the required affidavit might show.

The court holds the affidavit is intended to cover only the business wholly within Illinois and if telling the truth in such affidavit discloses violation of the statute there would be no prosecution against a person or corporation making the required affidavit.

BLOOMINGTON HAS HOPES

OF ENTERTAINING ROOSEVELT

Congressman Warner and Others Invite Him to Come.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Representative Warner of Illinois, accompanied by Judges Wright and Weldon, court of claims, and Joseph W. Elfer, interstate commerce commission, invited the president today to attend the reunion of the Spanish war veterans at Bloomington, Ill., in the spring. The date of the reunion will be fixed to suit the convenience of the president, should he accept.

BOWEN WILL NOT

GO TO THE HAGUE.

State Department Opposed to Promiscuous Activity.

Washington, Feb. 18.—It is not likely that Minister Bowen will represent Venezuela before The Hague tribunal. He is willing to do so himself, but the state department does not favor a minister of this country appearing too actively in such matters, and Bowen is not inclined to give up the mission in order to represent Venezuela.

FINEST MUSEUM IN WORLD

Marshall Field Offers Chicago Ten
Million With Which to Build It.

ASKING NOTHING BUT A SITE.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Chicago is to have the finest museum in the world and Marshall Field is to provide the funds to build it. The lake front is to be the site and the maximum cost is to be \$10,000,000. The proposition took actual form at today's session of the South Park board, when the assurance was given that Mr. Field stood ready to give any money necessary to make the building the finest in the world. No reservations and no conditions are to be met by the city except that Field requires that a suitable site be presented.

CAN'T MARRY AND TEACH.

Newly Married Young Woman Barred from the Schools.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Women school teachers who fall under the gentle influence of Cupid and wind up with the "Love, honor, and obey" ceremony can not teach school. Supt. Coolidge has made public the reason for placing newly married teachers on the unassigned list. Some of the brides went back to work for a few weeks and then quit. Others got leave of absence, visited their husbands in other cities, and were relieved from office. Most of the young women are satisfied to have the prospect of returning to school in case anything goes wrong with the matrimonial knot.

MOVEMENT FOR GOOD ROADS.

Will Be Launched at Meeting of National Association.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—The National good roads convention will meet here tomorrow. The principal scheme to be discussed will be the formation of a wheel-spoke system of well paved roads, Chicago being the hub and Madison, La Crosse, St. Louis, Indianapolis and Detroit on the rim. This plan is the first step to be taken in highway reconstruction all over the country. Cities and towns between Chicago and the other end of the proposed roads, will be urged to assist in the work.

THE GOLD BRICKS' FIELD

IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Confectioner Worked for \$7,378 By Confidence Men.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Charles Bartholmei, a confectioner, was robbed of \$7,378 by confidence men who led him to believe he was arranging for the adoption of the daughter of an Italian prince, and which would eventually net him \$50,000. Half an hour after the police agents left Bartholmei he discovered they had exchanged a bag containing the above amount for one filled with paper.

RAILROAD WRECK

On the Northwestern Caused by Contraction of the Rails.

Kewaskum, Wis., Feb. 18.—Contraction of the rails, due to intense cold, is believed to have caused the wreck of a freight train on the Northwestern road this afternoon.

HENRY VANDERBROOK, fireman, of Green Bay, was killed. Engineer George Sensida, of Green Bay and brakeman J. W. Ducey, of Milwaukee, were fatally injured.

IN THE SECOND DEGREE

David James Found Guilty For the Murder of His Son.

Muskegon, Mich., Feb. 18.—David James, aged 76 years old, who last August shot and killed his son, John, was today found guilty of murder in the second degree. Jealousy was the cause for the crime. The son, and Lucy Lewis, who had been the elder James' housekeeper for several years were in love and the father became insanely jealous and shot John.

SHIRAS HAS RESIGNED.

Venerable Jurist Formally Retires From Supreme Bench.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Justice Shiras of the United States supreme court today presented to the president his resignation as a member of that tribunal to take effect Feb. 24. Former Secretary of State William R. Day of Ohio has been selected as successor to Shiras.

ICY SIDEWALK

Causes a Fall and a Broken Arm for M. F. Kanan.

On East Main street last night about 7 o'clock Captain M. F. Kanan slipped and fell on the icy sidewalk and broke his right arm above the elbow. He walked to the office of Drs. Cass and Will Chenoweth where the fracture was reduced and then walked to his home on East Wood street.

BRUTAL BARTENDER.

At St. Louis Under Arrest for Killing Man Who Refused Glass of Water.

St. Louis, Feb. 18.—Because he refused to drink a glass of water Thomas Butler, a laborer, is dead at the morgue. Andrew Laumer, barkeeper, who offered the water and then shot Butler when he threw it on the floor, is under arrest.

Cortelyou New Cabinet Officer.

Washington, Feb. 18.—George B. Cortelyou took the oath of office as secretary of the department of commerce and labor today. At the same time William Loeb, Jr., was sworn in as secretary to the president.

HEAR LONG TREATY TALK

MORGAN OCCUPIED EXECUTIVE
SESSION AND GOT TWO
VOTES ON HIS RESOLUTION

BOTH WERE AGAINST HIM

Cullom Gives Notice He Will Call for
Night Session—Proceedings of
The House.

Washington, Feb. 18.—There was a lively debate in the senate today over Quay's resolution declaring it to be the sense of the senate that there should be a vote on the statehood bill before adjournment of congress. To this proposition Mr. McComas offered Platt's cloture resolution introduced two years ago, and a motion was made to refer the whole proposition to the committee on rules. This was pending when the senate went into executive session.

A discussion of the subject brought out the fact that the senate was strongly opposed to cloture in any form. The debate was very general, a dozen senators expressing their opinions on the subject. An executive session of three and a half hours followed and then the senate adjourned until tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. The senate listened nearly all the time to a continuation of Mr. Morgan's speech on the Panama canal treaty. At the close of the day's session a vote was taken on Mr. Morgan's request on his resolution, requesting an inquiry into the credentials of Tomas Herran, who represented the Colombian government in the negotiations of the treaty and also suggesting irregularity of the Colombian government. The resolution was defeated 13 to 27. There were two calls for a quorum during the session, but the senators responded readily, showing that while they were not present in the senate chamber, many of them were in nearby committee rooms. Mr. Morgan spoke principally on this resolution and had the clerk read a long report on it which he had prepared and had printed as a minority of the committee on inter-oceanic canals.

After the vote was taken on the resolution Mr. Cullom moved the senate adjourn to meet at 11 o'clock, saying that he would ask that the sessions be continued into the night and until a vote was taken on the treaty.

THE CONFERENCE REPORT

On Army Appropriation Bill Rejected By the House.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The house today by a majority of 2 to 1 rejected the conference report on the army appropriation bill because of its provisions for the retirement of civil war officers at an advanced grade, and permitting officers to deposit their money with the government at 3 per cent interest. The house emphatically voted against both provisions and sent the bill back to the conference.

The proceedings on the conference report were enlivened by a sharp personal clash between Messrs. Hull of Iowa and Shafter of Texas. The remainder of the day was devoted to the naval bill. Slow progress was made, only 20 pages being covered.

YOUNGER IN WILD WEST.

Pardoned Bandit Says He Will Em-
bark in Show Business.

Lee's Summit, Mo., Feb. 18.—Cole Younger, the pardoned bandit, today confirmed the report he intended to run a "wild west" show, saying that he had already signed a contract with a Chicago man, the owner of the show now wintering in this city. He would, he said, be the real owner of the show, and stated the purchase money had been advanced to him. Younger said he would be manager and treasurer, but stated emphatically he would not show himself in the arena. He said he was negotiating with Frank James to become his arena manager.

Broke His Promise.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 18.—The attorney general says Cole Younger's parole does not forbid his engaging in the show business. It merely exacted from him a promise not to do so. This promise the attorney general believes has been broken, but the state has no recourse, and an effort will be made to regain custody of the ex-bandit.

Fences Will Come Down.

If Government Fails to Provide For
Leasing Nebraska Public Lands.

Washington, Feb. 18.—If congress fails to pass the bill permitting the secretary of the interior to lease Nebraska government lands at one to five cents an acre for a given number of years for pasture purposes, it is stated the law providing for the removal of fences from all such domains will be immediately enforced. In one case over 65,000 acres were fenced in by private interests.

Weather Forecast.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Illinois—Fair, continued cold Thursday; Friday increasing cloudiness and warmer, probably snow in the south portion. Fresh west winds becoming variable.

The following is a record of the temperature for 24 hours ended Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock as reported by Professor J. H. Conradt, government observer:

7 a. m. 9 Highest 14
Noon 6 Lowest 8
7 p. m. 1

BEEF TRUST IS ENJOINED

JUDGE GROSSCUP HOLDS THAT
THE SHERMAN LAW WA-
VIOLATED.

THE RESTRICTION OF TRADE

Is Clearly Defined by the Court—Diffi-
culties of Enforcement Not Con-
sidered.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—The so-called "beef trust" case was disposed of today by Judge Grosscup in the United States circuit court, the demurrer of the packers being overruled and a temporary injunction granted.

Grosscup makes a broad definition of the term of commerce and then divides the petition into two groups. In the first group the judge cites the fact that the defendants control sixty per cent of the fresh meat trade in the United States and traces the process of sales from the buying of live stock until the meats pass into the hands of the consumer, including shipments from one state to another. In the second group he classes the sales by the defendants, and says it is unquestionably "interstate commerce" when the purchasers from other states buy directly from the defendants, and have meats shipped to them by the vendors. The status of such a transaction both as to antitrust injunctions, and as to transportation in furtherance of the exchange, includes a state other than the one from which the defendants deal.

The court is also of the opinion "that the same is true of meat sent to agents and sold from their stores."

Continuing the court says:

"Agents represent the principal at the place where the exchange takes place but the transactions, as a commercial entity, includes the principal and includes him as dealing from his place of business. Indeed, such privacy exists between the principal and the transaction, that he could, at the instant, as a citizen of another state, sue upon the transaction in the federal courts; nor have I any question that if the conditions of this case were reversed, so that the defendants were invoking shelter, instead of seeking escape of the obligations of the commerce clause, the federal law would be found equal to protection asked."

"Because a thing can be taxed by the state, it does not follow that it lies outside of the body of interstate commerce. For commerce, interstate as well as domestic, is subject to police and taxing power of the state, so long as the exercise of such power does not interfere with the national government's exclusive right of regulation."

Clear Case of Combine.

Discussing the arguments of the petition which charge the defendants with operating in opposition to the Sherman act, Judge Grosscup concludes there is no doubt that these average state cases of combination, "whether they be trusts, combinations, or otherwise, in restraint of trade, the general meaning of that term is no longer open to inquiry. It has been passed upon carefully by the supreme court in the freight association case, and in the traffic case. It is a clear case from them that restraint of trade is not dependent upon any consideration of reasonableness or unreasonableness in the combination asserted. Nor is it

to be tested by the prices that result from the combination. Indeed, the combination that leads directly to lower prices to the consumer may, within certain limitations of these cases even as against the producer, be restrained of trade. The statute, thus interpreted, has no concern with prices, but looks solely to competition and to giving of competition full place, by making illegal any effort at restriction upon competition. Whenever combination has a direct and necessary effect of restraining competition it is within the meaning of the Sherman act, as now interpreted, as restraint of trade.

Law of the Land.

"Thus defined, there can be no doubt the agreement of the defendants to refrain from bidding against each other to purchase cattle, is a combination in restraint of trade; so also is their agreement to bid up prices to stimulate shipments, intending to cause from bidding when shipments have arrived. The same result follows when we turn to the combination of defendants to fix prices upon and restrict the qualities of meat shipped to their agents or customers. Such agreements can be nothing less than restriction upon competition, and therefore a combination in restraint of trade, and thus viewed, petition, as an entirety, makes out the case, under the Sherman act."

"It may be true that the way of enforcing any decree under this petition is beset with difficulties and that literal enforcement may result in vexatious interference with the defendants' affairs. But in the inquiry before me, I am not at liberty to stop before such considerations. The Sherman act, as interpreted by the supreme court, is the law of the land, and the law as it stands, both the court and the people must yield obedience."

VENEZUELA COURTS

Render Verdict in Favor of An American for \$700,000.

Caracas, Feb. 18.—The supreme court today rendered a decision in the suit brought by the heirs of Henry Rudloff, an American citizen against Venezuela for damages for nullification of a concession given in 1892 to build a market in Caracas. Judgment was given in favor of Rudloff's heirs for \$700,000. Today's decision was interesting inasmuch as the German and British legation have maintained that justice for foreigners does not exist in Venezuela.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROPERTY NOT TAXABLE

When Connected With Church.

Springfield, Feb. 18.—The supreme court has modified its former opinion in the appeal of Christ church, Joliet. Some time ago the court held a Sunday school was not a place of worship. The opinion today says the property used for school purposes, if under the same roof as the auditorium, may be exempt from taxation. Should the building used as Sunday school be separate and apart from the church it may be taxed.

Army Promotions.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The following nominations were sent to the senate today:

Brig. Gen. J. E. Douchingridge, inspector-general, to be major-general; Brig. Gen. M. T. Ludington, quartermaster-general, to be major general.

Brig. General James F. Wade to be major general.

Perished Trying to Save Brothers.

Ahlene, Tex., Feb. 18.—The post-bureau late last night, his 16-year-old daughter and two sons perishing. Miss Robinson perished in an effort to save her brothers.

FACTIONS UNITE

Republicans At Springfield Join Hands To Support Butler for Mayor.

WHEELER IS OUT OF IT.

His Own Appointees Are Said To Be Deserving His Standard.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 18.—Mayor Phillips' contest showed a decided Butler trend last night. Predictions were freely made that Mayor Phillips and William L. Conner will withdraw from the race.

The Yates-Sherman-Tanner-Cullom-Dawes forces all united yesterday in support of Butler. The only support that Mayor Phillips has at the present time appears to come from the slum element and a portion of his office holders.

Even Phillips' appointees are not united in his support, and it is currently reported that fully one-half of the police force and three-fourths of the fire department are working quietly for Butler. Every indication points to an overwhelming Butler landslide.

Sherman and Yates are in line. One of the leading supporters of Judge Sherman in Springfield authorized the State Journal to announce that the Sherman forces had rallied to the support of Butler. This statement is borne out by the action of Col. Stephen L. Little and Col. George M. Skelly and others of the Sherman men who have joined the Butler ranks and announced their intention of working for his success.

The Cullom men are active in the support of Butler's candidacy. It has developed that the trip of Comptroller of the Currency William H. Taft to Springfield was for the purpose of lining up his father-in-law's friends in support of Butler. Comptroller Ridgely and Postmaster Wheeler held a conference yesterday afternoon and shortly afterwards leaders of the former Cullom faction made open avowal of their support of Butler.

Union Causes Rejoicing. The uniting of all factions in the party in the interest of Butler's candidacy has caused general rejoicing among the rank and file of the party and this united support presages his nomination by an overwhelming majority in the event that he has any opposition in the primaries. It is expected, however, that both Phillips and Conner will recognize the trend of sentiment and will formally withdraw today.

A good story is told on Conner by Butler's friends. It is said that Conner went to Butler a few days ago and taking him to one side, told Butler that he had better withdraw in Conner's favor and that if he did Conner would see that he was cared for. It is also said that Conner told Butler he would throw his support to Butler two years from now, as he was confident that he would be elected, for he was the only logical candidate.

Conner's Action Inexplicable.

Inasmuch as Conner is said to have circulated a story to the effect that he will line up his fellows for the democratic nominee for mayor in the event that Butler is nominated, Butler's supporters are wondering what he expects to gain by these threats if he should be the nominee. They see no political reason for the threats.

ESCAPED PRISONERS RETAKEN.

Jacksonville, Feb. 18.—Harry Smith and Edward Taylor who broke jail last night after choking and beating the guard turnkeys, were captured today at the Washburn station where they were waiting to board a train for Springfield.

It was discovered that after Taylor and Smith broke jail they entered Hemminger's cigar store and stole \$5 in money and two boxes of cigars. The stolen property was found in their possession when they were taken in custody.

BRIDGROOM FAILS TO COME.

Speeds Westward as Guests Assemble For Wedding Ceremony. Momonville, Ill., Feb. 18.—One month ago Nora Sullivan of this city secured a divorce from her husband in order, it is said, that she might marry C. Robinson, a former lover. The guests had assembled, the wedding feast prepared, and all awaited the coming of the bridegroom, but he came not. Instead he was speeding as fast as a Burlington flyer could carry him toward Pontiac, Ore.

The sequel proves that relatives of the prospective bridegroom opposed the union and induced him to postpone the ceremony indefinitely.

ELECTION CONTEST IS CLOSED.

Case at Harrisburg, Ill., Which Turns on Stamping Ballots, Waits Appeal. Harrisburg, Ill., Feb. 18.—The election contest suit in the special term of the circuit court between Oscar O. Cummings and Sam Butler closed today. The principal point involved was that of stamping ballots on the back with a rubber stamp by the judge of election. Judge Barker held that it did not invalidate the ballots. The attorneys for the plaintiff asked for a continuance until a decision can be had from the supreme court. If the supreme court sustains the ruling the suit will be dropped.

ANCIENT FORT IS DISCOVERED.

Remains of Building Thought to Have Been Built by Spaniards Found. Carbondale, Ill., Feb. 18.—The remains of a fort of prehistoric origin and in a fairly good state of preservation have been discovered three miles north of Preston in Randolph county. It is believed to have been constructed by a band of roving Spaniards in search of gold about the time De Soto traversed the southern states and discovered the Mississippi river, long before the French made their settlement at Kaskaskia. No historical data can

be found where any mention is made of this fort. There is evidence that this was the scene of a fierce battle, as human bodies were buried in a shallow trench.

GLAD HAND FOR DARROW

When He Took His Seat As Public Ownership Representative. Springfield, Feb. 18.—Clarence S. Darrow was sworn in today as a member of the house. Darrow was elected as a public ownership representative. When the legislature convened he was engaged before the arbitration commission in Pennsylvania as counsel for the United Mine Workers of America. He arrived here today and was received with applause as he took his seat in the house.

Bills were introduced in the house today providing that all trustees of state institutions, now appointed by the governor, shall be elected by popular vote, and prohibiting the game of football and fixing the punishment at a fine of from \$10 to \$100 for each offense.

NEW APPELLATE BENCH

Members of the Third District Will Be Named After the June Election.

ALL THE OLD MEMBERS RETIRE.

This appellate district will after June have an entirely new appellate court. None of the present members will serve after June. This is a condition of affairs that is not often met with. The members of the various appellate courts of the state are appointed by the supreme court. They do not draw any compensation but are allowed a secretary at a fair annual salary. Many of the judges do a great amount of work for which they get nothing except the honor of serving the judiciary. The first vacancy on the court in this district has been caused by the elevation of Judge E. M. Wright, of Urbana, to the national court of claims which has only recently taken place. Judge Wright's successor on the circuit bench will be Solon Philbrick, of Champaign, who has just been appointed by Governor Yates to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Wright. This first vacancy on the appellate bench will not be filled by the supreme court until after the June election. But as Judges Burroughs and Harker the other two members of the present appellate court are not candidates for re-election to their circuit courts they will not of course be eligible to appointment on the appellate bench, and three new members will be chosen by the supreme court after the judicial elections in June.

The third appellate district is very large and important, being second only to the Cook county district in number and importance of cases handled. Judge Burroughs has served several terms. He is from Madison county. Judge Harker is from Carbondale and has been a member of the appellate bench for a number of years. The present court has been considered a very able one and has passed on a number of vital cases.

THE HEATHEN CHINESE

Takes Postage Stamps and Works Them Over For Us. All the letters which reach the chief of a department of an extensive business in New York City are noticeable subsequently by the fact that the two-cent stamps on the envelope have been cut out with scissors. "Who cuts out all the stamps?" his young woman secretary was asked. "I do," she replied. "What is the idea?" "I am collecting them for a woman who thinks she will get \$10 for a million of them," she explained. Promptly the calculation was made on a basis of 50 letters daily. Alas! It was found that the young woman would be almost a millionaire when she cut out the millionth stamp. Curiously enough, it was reported that the day after the above calculation was made an episode in Newark, New Jersey, threw a side light on the matter. Postal officials arrested an old Frenchman, an inmate of the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor in his room at least 50,000 canceled stamps were found soaking in a wash tub. Aged inmates of the home were employed to remove the stamps from their envelopes, dry them and arrange them for shipment to China. The sisters said they had been told that the stamps had a high value in the eyes of the Chinese and that the missionaries exchanged them for children who are adopted and brought up in the Christian faith. But the postal officials say that these stamps come back to San Francisco from China replete with mud and gummed afresh and ready to be used again.

Talk of Joint Meeting.

The Woodmen lodge of the city are talking of having a joint meeting before the county convention in April to take action as a unit against the proposed re-adjustment of the rates. When the three lodge elected their delegates to the convention they were instructed to vote against the re-adjustment.

Woodmen Go to Taylorville.

About fifty members of Taylorville Camp Modern Woodmen went to Taylorville last night to attend a dance and reception given in their honor by the Taylorville Woodmen. The Taylorville camp drill team exemplified the Woodmen degree for a large number of candidates. The dance and reception were held in the drill hall.

A. N. H. Heckle Dead.

A. N. H. Heckle died Feb. 15 at Macou, Ga., of pneumonia, with which he was stricken on Oct. 19. He leaves a wife and one son, two and a half years old. He was the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Shank of Decatur.

Marriage Licenses.

Leonard L. Kraft, Elwin 25
Maude Ward, Decatur 27
Emma P. Cunningham, Elwin 29
Emma May Jones, Decatur 29
Wallace W. Peoples, Decatur 35
Ada A. Bauer, Decatur 35
Charles W. Conn, Weldon 24
Grace Marsh, Argenta 18

PLAINTIFF RESTS

Evidence in the Thomas-Blickle Damage Case Will Probably Be Concluded Today.

THOMAS HAD HAD A BUSY DAY.

Attachment Served on a Witness Slow in Coming Into Court.

In the circuit court Wednesday there was not a moment's time given to anything but the Thomas-Blickle case and at adjournment hour the evidence for the plaintiff had all been offered. The expectation is that the defense will conclude by adjournment hour tonight.

The evidence yesterday was a repetition of the day before and related how many drinks the various persons interested had had and what effect it had had upon them. Thomas was on the stand and said that during the night he was in Blickle's saloon he had four drinks of whiskey and that was the only whiskey he drank that day. He drank beer in some other saloons. According to his story after drinking the whiskey at Blickle's he went to Duggan's saloon and there had a fight in which his shoulder was dislocated. Then he returned to Blickle's and butted into a game of dice and provoked another fight in which his leg was broken. That was one of his busy days.

The defense wanted to know from this witness something of his earning power while he was in good working order. Thomas figured out that one year while he was in Decatur he had earned \$70 and that the next year he had better luck and earned \$100.

Mrs. Thomas testified that prior to the time that his leg was broken Thomas had supported his family, herself and two children, but that since he was hurt in 1900 he had not been able to do any heavy work. The prosecution had Thomas take off his shoe and stocking in order that he might exhibit to the jury the injured member. The defense instantly objected on the theory that Thomas was not a plaintiff suing for personal damages and that he had no right to exhibit his broken leg. The court sustained that view and ordered Thomas to put on his shoe and stocking.

Jesse Whitesides, one of the witnesses did not appear until an attachment had been issued for him and Deputy Sheriff Hendricks brought him into court. The prisoner made a plea that saved him a fine. He said that he had been in court so many times in answer to summons in this case that he had come to the conclusion that it would never be tried and he could not afford to lose time from his work. Whitesides pleaded not guilty to answering the summons and that perhaps helped him out. It was reported that when one of the court officers telephoned to the office of the coal company saying that Whitesides was wanted as a witness, the answer over the telephone was that the coal company had more use for him than the lawyers did. Whitesides gave his testimony and was excused.

Deputy Sheriff Hendricks swore, not in court, but quietly on the side, that he would not dig coal for \$8 per ton. He was given the attachment and instructed to bring Whitesides into court. At the Broadway shaft he was informed that his man was in the pit and Hendricks went after him. The deputy declares that after he got to the bottom he went as far east as Jasper street and then as far south as the Sangamon river before he found Whitesides. It was his experience on that trip which induced him to say that he would not dig coal at the rate of \$8 per ton.

BAKING GOOD WAGES.

Taylorville Mines Pay Over \$30,000 Per Month. The pay of the more industrious coal miners in Taylorville exceeds that of any bank cashier in the city. Monday the Christian County Coal company paid its employees over \$30,000 this sum representing the aggregate of their earnings for the past two weeks. Many of the miners received over \$50, and hardly any of them less than \$40. One miner drew \$56.50. With the 15th cent increase in pay which comes April 1 the local miners can revel in wealth. If the demand for coal is as pressing as now (and there is no indication of an abatement) Taylorville miners will make from \$100 to \$135 per month.

The two mines in Taylorville are now paying about \$35,000 a month to their employees, and with the advent of the new scale \$40,000 will be distributed monthly.

Pana Has Light Again.

Pana is a city of darkness no longer. Saturday night the streets of the city were lighted up on regular contract by the city council for the first time in six months. Only three times during this time has the city been lighted, and that was through the exertions of a private citizen. The council Saturday closed the contract with the light company, by which the city will be lighted for the remainder of the year. The contract is \$70 per light per year on a moonlight schedule.

To Vote on License.

The ministers' association is the prime factor in a movement that is having petitions circulated, asking the city council to leave the license question to a vote of the people this year.

Better than Gold.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes P. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take the place in our family." Try them! Only five, Satisfaction guaranteed by J. E. King, N. L. Krone and McNeir & Horrell.

Home is a full cup.

PLAN T. TEACH FARMING

Endorsed by Some of the Leading Educators and Agriculturalists of the State.

THE TRAVELING INSTRUCTORS

The Illinois Farmers' Institute committee on agricultural education in the rural schools, consisting of Alfred Bayless, state superintendent of public instruction; Eugene Davenport, dean of the Illinois college of agriculture, and Director Rossiter, have endorsed the school of agriculture. The opinion of these men is certainly worth something, and their recommendation merits thoughtful consideration. If this course can be provided and conducted by our college of agriculture at Urbana it promises much good, and may be made one of the great agencies for practical instruction in agriculture to those who can not attend the college—and vastly more can not than can attend college. The matter is to come up for action at the next meeting of the board of directors. It is not yet known whether a majority of the board will favor it, but probably they will if it can be in the hands of our own agricultural college men. There seems the only practical source for such instruction.

There may be several ways in which instruction in the elements of agriculture can be introduced into the public schools. Perhaps in the end the only entirely practical way will be for the regular teachers, properly trained to do so, to introduce the subject. The Illinois Farmers' Institute has advanced an idea that has several features to recommend it. It is to have an agricultural work of a route of schools in charge of a special traveling instructor, who shall have the proper equipment, including a stereopticon lantern and views. Such a specialist could be better informed upon his subject and better equipped to teach it than almost any regular teacher. He must succeed at this or lose his job. He would try his plans with many different groups of pupils and have the great advantage of comparison of results of different methods. He would have a better opportunity to ponder and work out the special problems that will arise in practically applying this new work. The agricultural instructors and county superintendents would have a much better chance to secure uniform endeavor and methods throughout the county. The chances for thorough work and uniform success would seem to be greater, particularly in starting this new study. When the work is once well started by competent instructors, and the teachers and pupils and parents and directors see in their own district that it can succeed, and the method by which it "takes," then probably the teachers themselves can handle the subject just as well as better than traveling instructors. It looks as though the work could be put into the schools quicker and with greater assurance of uniform success by the traveling special instructor. He would be teaching the teacher while teaching the pupils, and he might be a timely factor if his only mission were to teach the teacher. Music, drawing, manual training, etc., are thus taught successfully in the city schools. Mrs. Sanger of Peoria county made a thorough success as a traveling teacher of music in the rural schools. Domestic science has been taught in this way for years in the country schools of England. So the idea has proved practical.

PYTHIAN ENDOWMENT RANK.

To Quit Illinois Because of Supreme Court Ruling. The board of control of the endowment rank of the Knights of Pythias has voted to leave Chicago and Illinois, and will meet tomorrow to decide on its future location, which probably will be somewhere in Wisconsin. It is probable that most of the other large fraternal organizations will be forced to leave the state because of the recent decision of the supreme court that the assets of fraternal insurance societies are liable for local taxation. As the larger orders are increasing their rates and trying to accumulate a reserve, they regard this as prohibitive.

The Illinois fraternal congress has prepared an amendment to the law specifically exempting fraternal societies from this tax, but the attorneys of the endowment rank regard this as unconstitutional, and say that no exempting law will hold water. Indiana has just passed a bill exempting fraternal societies, hoping to get these societies, but the same doubt as to constitutionality prevails there. In Wisconsin, however, it is believed that the exemption can legally be made. The fraternal most seriously concerned is the Order of Modern Woodmen, which usually has over \$1,000,000 on hand, and is trying to get a reserve fund which would materially increase this.

DESIGNATES ARBOR DAY.

Yates Issues a Proclamation Giving the Date as April 24, 1903. Governor Yates Friday issued the following Arbor Day proclamation: "In accordance with the established custom, Friday, April 24, 1903, is hereby designated as Arbor Day in the state of Illinois. In the celebration of Arbor Day by the schools and educational institutions it would be also appropriate, although it is not especially enjoined by our statute, to couple with study of trees lessons on the value of our birds and the great importance of their protection. The young people of Illinois can not have too great an appreciation of nature or too keen a sense of the relation between her many beauties and utilities."

Has Smallpox.

Earl Willoughby is ill with smallpox at the home of his father, 445 West Macon street. The young man who is about 18 years old has been conducting a farm near Macon and it is supposed that he was exposed to the disease in that neighborhood. The case is not especially severe. The premises have been quarantined.

The Andrews family were released from quarantine yesterday. A daughter had the smallpox and the house has been cut off from the outside world for about six weeks.

Plenty of Material.

"The democrats are not worrying about a candidate for mayor," said a worker. "We have plenty of material. We are going to wait and see what the republicans do and then we will take action."

If They'll Heed It.

One of those mischievous cubs who delight in teasing their schoolmates by yanking their hair, snatching their hats off, and with pranks of that sort, lies in the hospital at East Chicago, Wis., with an inch and a half of broken hat pin in his spine. He teased the wrong girl and she retaliated with woman's up-to-date weapon. There is a lesson in this for ill-mannered youngsters everywhere, and especially the seventh ward gang of terrorists.

The Deadly Range.

Jack Frost gave another exhibition of his powers as an anarchist Wednesday morning when the kitchen range at Frank Reinstorff's residence in Prairie avenue blew up in a manner similar to the case at Dr. Wilhelm's house the day before. One piece of the stove went through the ceiling and some furniture was damaged but fortunately no one was hurt.

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PATRICK J. KEARNEY DEAD

Passed Away at His Home in Downer's Grove On Wednesday—Funeral in Decatur.

EX-MEMBER OF POLICE FORCE.

P. J. Kearney, formerly of this city died at his home at Downer's Grove Ill., Wednesday morning. He will be brought to this city for burial at 4 p. m. Thursday afternoon from St. Patrick's church. He leaves a wife and four children, a mother and a sister, Margaret Kearney of this city. Pat Kearney as he was familiarly known will be remembered by a large number of the older residents of the city. He lived here for many years and was at one time a member of the police force and served as night captain. He was a man of considerable amount of native ability and possessed the inherent wit of his race. He used to talk a great deal about his ability by means of some witcraft to find hidden treasures and locate gold. From Decatur he first went to Chicago and there succeeded in attracting attention to his wonderful alleged power. The newspapers got hold of him and for a week or more he had the reporters busy writing up columns of stuff about the wonderful gift he possessed. Mr. Kearney was a wide souled, genial man and was a favorite with the public when on the police force. The news of his death will be received with regret by those who knew him.

The remains will arrive in Decatur by the way of the Washburn train No. 11 from the north and will be taken to St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church. If the train arrives on time the funeral will be held Thursday afternoon and if it should be late the services will be postponed until Friday morning. The burial will be at Calvary cemetery.

Births.

Hungerford—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Hungerford at their home in Bronson's lane, February 16, a daughter.

Fahay—Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Fahay, 1823 East Eldorado street, Feb. 17, a daughter.

Heyne—Born to Rev. and Mrs. William Heyne, 1110 East Orchard street, February 17, a son.

Hancock—Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hancock, 1406 North Clinton street, February 17, a son.

Deaths Recorded.

Thomas Enolds to Jesse Humphries lot 7 block 6 in Higgins' addition to Decatur, \$1800.

William Ernst to Dawson J. White lot 27 in block 3 in Higgins' addition to Decatur, \$1300.

Albert G. Webster to T. T. Springer lot 8 in J. N. Bille's addition to Decatur, \$1.

Israel J. Chronister to T. T. Springer a tract in the west half of the northeast quarter of section 24, township 16, range 2 east, \$2000.

SUPERVISOR JOHNSTON'S SALE.

It Was a Good One Despite the Severe Cold. The public sale held by Supervisor George Johnston at his farm in Austin township Tuesday realized about \$2500. On account of the weather the attendance was rather light but it was a good sale notwithstanding. The best price brought was \$136 for a draft horse. Some good hogs sold well, the best bringing about 8 cents a pound.

C. W. Loy of Lincoln acted as auctioneer.

Much Needed Reform.

Ministers in Springfield are in accord with the movement for jury reform. Rev. T. D. Logan, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, established a precedent by sitting on a jury in the county court, and the present venire of the grand jury includes the names of Rev. W. Francis Irwin, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church; Rev. S. C. Pruitt and Rev. R. G. Hobbs. The clergymen have taken this step to encourage business men of the city to serve as jurors and the names of many prominent business men are contained in the venire. Lawyers who have been in line for such service in the past year are to be tabooed.

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NEARBY TOWNS

Long Creek.

On account of the bad condition of the roads the quarterly meeting held at the M. E. church Saturday and Sunday was not very well attended. Will Hunt went to Decatur on business Monday.

Mrs. Wright, who has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Foose, for some time, has returned to Decatur. Mrs. Hammond, who is on the sick list, is reported better.

Prairie Home.

E. S. Polton made a business trip to Clinton last Monday, returning Wednesday. Dr. A. Smith attended the teachers' institute in Shelbyville Friday and Saturday.

Misses Myrtle Sheffer is visiting in Normal. Edgar Beck and Edith Obern will be married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents. F. P. Sheffer was in Bethany Thursday.

A. L. Cox is not able to be out yet. Vert Cutler's sale was well attended. Everything sold high. Feb. 16.

Lake City.

G. W. Vansickle was at Lovington last Tuesday. Johnnie Brown was at Decatur Tuesday.

John Hanks and wife visited at Argenta a few days last week. J. J. Garver of Decatur was on our streets last Wednesday.

Samuel Ward and Mrs. Robert Ault were Decatur callers last Tuesday. Mrs. Wm. Winings, Mrs. Brutus Ham, James Hudgins were Decatur visitors Thursday.

Ira Haute started for his home at Crawford county, last Thursday. Mrs. Lizzie Anderson of Lovington came over last Thursday to look after her property.

Rev. Herman of Bethany came up last Thursday to visit friends. A. R. Dickson and Wm. Conyers were at Decatur Friday.

Hugh Duval of Williamsburg came over Thursday to visit relatives. Chas. Strain of Lovington visited relatives here Friday.

G. E. Loesch, J. F. Dickson, Chas. Shirey and family, Miss Callie Hudgins, Mrs. Robert Ault and James Foster were Decatur callers Saturday.

Grandpa Fouts returned to his home at Decatur Saturday. T. M. Hume was at Lovington Saturday.

Herbert Cook started for Seattle, Washington Monday. Feb. 18.

Todds Point.

Harv. Faris is in Shelbyville this week serving on the petit jury. Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson and the Gordon family spent Thursday with Mrs. Nuttall here.

George Nott of Findlay, mail paper agent and hanger, was in our village last week drumming up future business.

Lee Morris who has been prospecting in Kansas, is home again and we understand has invested in that locality.

Harv. Faris of Johnsonville, Ill., nephew of our citizen of that name, is at present the guest of his uncle.

Frank Nuttall is making extensive interior improvements to his house and will soon have a very cozy home.

Miss Nellie McKinney came over from Sullivan to spend the week with home folks and take in the social.

Charles Robertson and family took possession of the Nicholson homestead last week. Mr. Murmur of near St. Mary's church will occupy the premises they have just vacated.

Work of all kinds except feeding of live stock is suspended by the dreadful condition of the roads and the severe cold snap.

The box social on Saturday night was largely attended and the efforts made by the local members of the M. E. church on behalf of the Rev. L. Sharpe's salary were cordially supported. The proceeds amounted to \$22.80. A unique feature of the evening was a "Country Store," was a program of success, and added much to the enjoyment of all present. A short program preceded the supper. E. Nuttall